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Selectmen's Minutes 07-17-2006

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, July 10, 2006
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. Rowe.
 Also present: Mrs. Galkowski, Mr. Maher and Mrs. Krepelka.

Mr. Greeley offered a moment of silence for Thomas Calautti, a retired police officer, who died suddenly July 5th at his family's vacation home in Maine.

Mr. Greeley thanked Fox 25 Zip Trip program for showcasing Arlington July 7th. He stated that he wanted to thank all the townspeople who came and brought books for the Book Drive. We did not learn until Thursday morning we would be participating in a Children's Book Drive and thanks to Selectmen Mahon emails were sent out and Arlington came in 1st with the total number of books being collected at 350.

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: June 19, 2006

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Mr. Greeley abstained.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

2. Reappointments: Arlington Cultural Council

Betsy Campbell

Karen Dillon

Leland Stein

Jean Yoder

(terms to expire 7/9)

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved

approval.

3. Reappointment: Board of Health

Gregory Leonardos

(term to expire 7/30/09)

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Reappointment: Public Memorials Committee

Wilfred J. St. Martin

(term to expire 6/9/09)

Alexander Salipante, Chair
(term to expire 6/9/08)

Franklin W. Hurd, Jr.
(term to expire 6/9/07)
Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

5. **Request: Use of Bike Path for Cycling Event and Signage, 9/10/06**

Jacqueline Fusco, The Iacocca Foundation

Mr. Hurd moved to table until 8/14/06.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Dan Dunn, Stowecroft Road, reminded the Board that Town Meeting had approved a revolving fund for Recycling and wanted to know how we are going to set goals and expectations for the recycling program. Also, what programs will be monitored to determine if the investments that we make in the recycling program will result in enough savings to offset cost of part-time employee.

Ms. LaCourt stated that she had asked the Town Manager regarding said position and is waiting to hear from Mr. Sullivan.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

7. **Request: Residential Handicap Parking, 28 Harvard St.**

John Clark

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. **Request: One-Hour Parking Signs, Webster Street (between Broadway & Warren)**

Robert Largenton, 10 Webster Street and Arthur Largenton, 6 Webster Street, along with several residents of Webster Street appeared before the Board of Selectmen asking the Board to institute one hour parking signs on both sides of Webster Street from Broadway to Warren Street and increase parking on Broadway to two hours. Said request is due to the congestion on the street at times making it almost impossible for fire apparatus as well as automobiles to pass thru. The Board of Selectmen voted to post one-hour parking and referred said request to the Transportation Advisory Committee for recommendations.

Bob Largeton and neighbors are willing to work with the Transportation Advisory Committee to come up with a solution that is agreeable to all parties concerned.

Mr. Greeley suggested that the Board invite the Transportation Advisory Committee to come before the Board to discuss parking on one side of street throughout the Town.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. **Discussion: A.C.L.U. Complaint**

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

The Board voted to send a letter to the Department of Telecommunications and

Energy requesting a hearing on the data-mining program. Said data-mining program includes Verizon and AT & T sharing customers' phone records with the NSA. Ms. Mahon stated that while she is 100 percent in support of requesting a hearing that could bring the public more information, she did not want to be tie to the ACLU complaint. Ms. LaCourt and Ms. Rowe both spoke in favor of supporting the ACLU. Ms. LaCourt stated that although many residents suggested the Board not support this complaint, she felt she could not do that. She feels it violates her understanding of what it means to be an American citizen and a patriot. Ms. Rowe stated that her position had not changed, but she feels a stand alone letter as suggested by Town Counsel is a good compromise. Ms. Rowe stated she is proud to take up an issue that might not fit

into everyone's definition of local relevance. Mr. Greeley agreed saying the issue was brought to the Board by a resident of the town.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval of Town Counsel to draft a letter to DTE and have the Selectmen approve at their July 24th meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

10. Discussion: Goal Setting Meeting Date

(from 6/19/06 meeting)

Meeting will be held on August 16th – 6:00 p.m. – Whittemore Robbins House. Board will review last year's goals.

11. Discussion: Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

(from 6/19/06 meeting)

The following dates have been set for the Selectmen's Meeting Schedule.

September 13th, 25th and 27th.

October 23rd and 30th.

November 13th and 27th.

December 4th and 18th at 6:00 p.m.

12. Discussion: Rules & Regulations/Beer & Wine Package Store

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

The Board unanimously approved the revised rules for the town's beer and wine package stores. Mr. Maher stated that some of the wording was eliminated because of redundancies, but the regulations are now consistent with state statute. Mr. Greeley thanked Brian Sullivan and John Maher for their work involved in getting the applications in process.

Mr. Hurd stated that he felt it was a thorough and detailed process.

Ms. LaCourt questioned what she called a very narrow window for accepting applications. Town Counsel explained that hearings are required for all applications and he will provide the Board with guidelines for conducting the proceedings.

Ms. LaCourt stated that although three licenses are available, the Board has the ability to decide when all three licenses will be given out.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Bob Radochia Data-Sharing Vote Be Rec'd
45 Columbia Rd.

Kevin O'Brien Results Census Insert Townwide Survey Be Rec'd
Joey Glushko

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business:

Mrs. Galkowski stated that the work at Park Circle Fire Station is starting next week and the issue of the trailer has been resolved.

Mr. Maher announced that applications for the Arlington Housing Authority appointment have been extended to July 24th. Also, the Cable Agreement is ready for review and needs to be voted on by the Board as soon as possible. Mr. Maher stated that for every month we don't have a signed license, we are losing about \$30,000 a month.

Ms. Rowe asked Mrs. Galkowski to have the Town Manager submit a report of all costs regarding town services for some special events that occur on a yearly basis. For example, April 19th, Memorial Day, Feast of the East, 4th of July, and Town Day. Ms. Rowe feels that with all the events we are putting a strain on our Police and Public Works Departments Budgets due to overtime costs.

Mr. Hurd agreed that he felt it was a good idea to have a discussion about budgeting for town services for some special

events for our residents, but how much the town contributes to each should be factored in during any prioritizing. He stated that about 90% of the costs are privately funded for the Feast of the East and July 4th – Robbins Farm Fireworks Event.

Ms. Rowe stated that the town perhaps prioritize between events. Mr. Greeley agreed with Ms. Rowe and feels we are going back to the same residents over and over asking for donations. Mr. Greeley and Mrs. Rowe suggested that for fund raising reasons it might not make sense to have each celebration on an annual basis. Ms. Rowe stated she didn't think people's pockets have unlimited amounts of money to give to all these events.

Mr. Greeley also suggested that we could suspend some events at least for the year of the bicentennial celebration. This year he feels we should focus on the 200th Anniversary.

Mrs. Mahon stated that the high school has hired a Resource Officer, and she would like to have him appear before the Board when he starts his new position.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Maher to go over the plans for the concession stand as soon as possible because of the fundraising that needs to be done. She would like to have an update on the concession stand.

Mrs. Mahon inquired about the Warrant Article regarding the use of fields. She asked Mrs. Galkowski to have the Town Manager provide a list of all fields and what the various groups are charged. She would like a list of what fees residents and non-residents are charged.

Ms. Rowe stated that she sent a report to her colleagues regarding her meeting with Sustainable Arlington. She felt it was a wonderful meeting and hopes to become very involved with said group. She has volunteered to help with other members in submitting a monthly article to the Arlington Advocate telling residents what information is available about energy savings, etc.

Ms. Rowe stated that "Shakespeare In The Park" will take place on Sunday, August 6th, at 5:00 p.m., Menotomy Rocks Park. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park, Friends of Robbins Farm Park and the Arlington Council for the Arts.

Ms. LaCourt stated she would like to meet with Michelle Meagher, Chamber of Commerce, regarding Sustainable Arlington and maybe the local landlords and businesses would be interested in having a discussion.

Mr. LaCourt stated that on Wednesday, July 19th, at 7:00 p.m., Arlington High School Cafeteria, a meeting will be held for incoming freshman parents. At said meeting they will give out general information about school policy and answer questions about all parents concerns for their child's high school years.

Ms. LaCourt stated that the Youth Health & Safety Coalition Committee is at full strength and they are now working together on what they would like to accomplish.

Ms. LaCourt stated she attended a meeting with Ms. Lewis, Joe Miksis and Brian Sullivan to finalize the job description for the position of Chief Information Officer. (Alan Jones could not attend the meeting)

Mr. Hurd asked Mrs. Galkowski to look into when signs (15 Minute Parking Only) would be installed at Rawson and Broadway. The Board of Selectmen approved said signs last March, 2006.

Mr. Hurd asked that the advertising for the vacancy created on the Housing Authority be extended until noon July 24th. Mr. Hurd stated that the Children's Room giant yard sale held last Saturday was very successful.

ADENDUM

1. Request: Food Vendor License

Davinder K. Sharma d/b/a Panth Inc., Mass. Convenience, 85 Warren St.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

